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The 180 reading tips described in this school calendar are intended for parents to help their children at home. The calendar presents tips for Monday through Friday and for September through May. Among the suggested exercises are the following: (1) sing the ABC song, (2) write five words that begin with B, (3) play a game of Hangman, (4) discuss why the leaves turn colors in the fall, (5) visit the library weekly, (6) turn off the television and have all family members read for at least 15 minutes each night, and (7) tell the opposite of same, white, many, all, off, and open. (HOD)

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September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Try to attend all parent conferences at school. (Parent)	Recite the ABC song.	Count to 100.	Read these letters: Z X C V B N M L K J H G F D S A Q W E R T Y U I O P	Read these letters: q w e r t y u i o p a s d f g h j k l z x c v b n m
Children learn much by example. Let your child see you read daily. (Parent)	Write your whole name (first, middle, and last).	Watch P.B.S. shows such as "Sesame Street", "Electric Co.", and "Reading Rainbow".	Write 5 words that begin with B.	Learn a nursery rhyme by heart.
Write the names of your mother, father, sister(s), brother(s).	Make bedtime stories a nightly habit. (Parent)	Look at the newspaper. How many words can you read in the headlines?	After listening to a story, repeat it in your own words.	Label objects around the house (chair, sofa, window, etc.) (Parent) Read the labels.
Go to the library and take out a book. Get a card if you need one.	After looking at a picture and having it taken away, tell some things you saw in it.	Go to a fast food restaurant. How many items can you read on the menu?	Look at the newspaper. Pick out a character in the funnies that you like best.	Try to read the signs in a department store elevator.

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Write the names of 5 circus animals.	Learn how to play a new card game (Fish, Solitaire, War, etc.).	Write 5 words that rhyme with cat.	Tell your address, phone number, and birthday.	Write a letter to your grand-parent or aunt, or friend. Address and mail.
Try to visit the library weekly.	Write the alphabet A to Z in capital letters (uppercase).	Use the phone book. Look up your own number. Look up the number of a friend or relative.	Write 5 words that rhyme with late.	Name 5 things that begin with F.
Play a game of Hangman.	Write 5 words that rhyme with man.	Tell the opposite of: light, in, up, big, front, fast, boy.	Name 5 things that begin with S.	Write the alphabet a to z in little letters (lowercase).
Discuss why leaves turn colors in the fall.	Name 5 things that begin with R.	Tell the opposite of: mother, husband, aunt, he, sister, daughter.	Write 5 words that rhyme with Jane.	Turn off the T.V. and have all family members read for at least 15 minutes each night.

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November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Take a trip to the zoo. Write the names of 10 animals you saw there.	Name 5 things that begin with T.	Write the words one to ten.	Tell the opposite of: large, happy, dirty, new, sit, run.	Write 5 words that rhyme with all.
Tell the opposite of: over, rich, pretty, salt, high, bride.	Find the travel section of the newspaper. Find a place you would like to visit.	Write 5 words that rhyme with make.	Say the names of the days of the week in order.	Name 5 things that begin with D.
Learn a poem by heart.	Write 3 words that rhyme with ham.	Tell the opposite of: same, white, many, all, off, open.	Name 5 things that begin with H.	Name 5 things that begin with P.
Write 5 words that rhyme with back.	Tell the opposite of: left, tall, day, near, here.	Name 5 things that begin with L.	Write a list of things for which you are thankful.	Write 3 words that rhyme with same.

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December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Name 5 words that begin with Z.	What are your 3 favorite T.V. shows? Find them in your TVGuide.	Write 5 words that rhyme with it.	Write the words ten to twenty.	Write 5 words that rhyme with in.
Write 5 words that rhyme with ill.	Read 5 store signs today.	Read about your favorite sports team in the newspaper.	Tell the opposite of: wet, early, sweet, full, lost, south.	Find an article about your favorite sports team in the newspaper. Choose a different team.
Tell the opposite of: love, forget, asleep, noisy, moving, morning.	Name 5 words that begin with W.	Write 5 words that rhyme with Jim.	Visit a museum.	Name 5 words that begin with N.
Write thank you notes for gifts. Address and mail.	Say the names of all of the months of the year in order.	In the entertainment section of the newspaper, find a movie you would like to see.	Look in the newspaper for the want ads. What would you like to do for a job?	Write 5 words that rhyme with six.

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January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Write the names of 5 fruits.	Tell 5 words that begin with br.	Start off the year by keeping a diary. Write something in it each day.	Write 5 words that rhyme with kid.	Change the last letter and make another word: hat.
Change the last letter and make another word: Sam .	In the food section of the newspaper, look to see if there is any bread on sale.	Tell how these words are different: to-two-too.	Change the last letter and make another word: cap.	Write 5 words that rhyme with dad.
Tell 5 words that begin with fr.	Tell how these words are different: hear-here.	Write 5 words that rhyme with bag.	Tell 5 words that begin with fl.	Tell how these words are different: read-red.
Tell how these words are different: ate-eight.	Tell 5 words that begin with bl.	Change the last letter and make another word: him.	Write the names of 5 vegetables.	Write 5 words that rhyme with Dave.

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tell 5 words that begin with st.	Change the last letter and make another word: man.	Tell 5 words that begin with sl.	Write 5 words that rhyme with big.	Change the last letter to make another word: fat.
Tell the name of your city, state, and country.	Tell how these words are different: for-four.	Tell how these words are different: no-know.	Put a map on the wall. Stick in a pin on each city or state or country you have visited.	Write 5 words that rhyme with mine.
Write 5 words that rhyme with bun.	Tell 5 words that begin with gl.	Write 5 words that rhyme with rug.	Tell 5 words that begin with tr.	Change the last letter to make another word: bit.
Write the 2 words that I'll can mean.	Change the last letter to make another word: bad.	Write the 2 words that I'm can mean.	Change the last letter to make another word: six.	Write 5 words that rhyme with pink.

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March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tell how these two words are different: sail-sale.	Write the 2 words that isn't can mean.	What is your zip code?	Tell 5 words that begin with sk.	Write 5 words that rhyme with rub.
Write 5 words that rhyme with me.	Tell 5 words that begin with cr.	Write the 2 words that didn't can mean.	Tell how these 2 words are different: bear-bare.	Write 5 words that rhyme with job.
Write 2 words that she's can mean.	Tell how these words are different: buy-by.	Write 5 words that rhyme with fog.	Tell 5 words that begin with dr.	When taking a trip, discuss what the speedometer and the odometer tell us.
Write 5 words that rhyme with dot.	Tell 5 words that begin with cl.	Write the 2 words that don't can mean.	Tell how these 2 words are different: sea-see.	Learn a poem by heart.

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April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tell 5 words that begin with sp.	Write 5 words that rhyme with hop.	Tell 5 words that begin with gr.	Write the words that it's can mean.	Tell how these words are different: won-one
Write 5 words that rhyme with hole.	Write the 2 words that won't can mean.	Tell how these words are different: blue-blew	Write 5 words that rhyme with loss.	In a restaurant, read the menu by yourself.
Write 2 words that doesn't can mean.	Tell how these words are different: new-knew	Write the words that that's can mean.	Tell 5 words that begin with pl.	Tell 5 words that begin with pr.
Learn to play scrabble.	Write 5 words that rhyme with fed.	Write 5 words that rhyme with net.	Read 10 street signs by yourself.	Write the names of 8 colors.

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May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Put these words in ABC order: out boy fish dog	Write 5 words that rhyme with bell.	Write the names of 5 shapes. (Example: square)	Write the words that <u>can't</u> can mean.	Tell the opposite of: friend, hello, always, wild.
Write 5 words that rhyme with hen.	Tell 5 words that begin with tw.	Tell 5 words that begin with sm.	Tell 5 words that begin with sw.	Put these words in ABC order: slice slow slam sled
Tell 3 words that begin with spr.	Put these words in ABC order: blow black blind blue	Tell 3 words that begin with spl.	Write 3 words that rhyme with Meg.	Write the words that <u>wasn't</u> can mean.
Tell 3 words that begin with str.	Write 2 words that rhyme with cup.	When taking a trip in the car, plot the trip on a map.	Pack some books in your suitcases when you go on vacation.	While on vacation, send a few postcards to friends and relatives.

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